

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RICHARD COOPER, ET AL.

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To: Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the above-identified application be made special under the provisions for accelerated examination as set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 708.02-VIII.

A pre-examination search was made by professional searcher, and developed references previously submitted as part of two, separate Information Disclosure Statements.

The field of the search included: Class 451, Subclasses 6, 37, 39, 41, 287, 443, 532, 539, and 548.

None of the patents cited in the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statements, whether taken singly or in combination with other references, anticipates or makes obvious the claims of the present application as set forth in the pending claims as amended by the preliminary amendment filed in January, 2003. Specifically, none of the

prior-art references cited discloses a CMP polishing pad made of paper-making fibers made by a paper-making process or on paper-making apparatus, or a paper-making fibrous matrix bound by a cured thermoset resin, as claimed in now-pending independent claims 1(amended), 18(amended), 23(amended), 32 (amended), and 45 (new).

It is, therefore, believed that the invention of the instant application is patentably distinct over the references, whether taken singly or in combination.

If a restriction is required, Applicants shall make an election, without traverse, by telephone, as required.


It is believed that the Applicants have met the requirements as called for by the accelerated prosecution procedure.

An interview with the examiner will be arranged if such would expeditiously bring the instant application to issue.

It is, therefore, requested that this Petition for Accelerated Examination and designation of this case as special be granted.

The petition in the amount of \$130 is also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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